(d) to (f) Under National Rural Health Mission, there is a proposal to upgrade more than 2000 PHCs. CHCs to 30-50 bedded hospitals conforming to the norms called Indian Public Health Standards (IPHS).

AIIMS like hospital in Punjab

†1928. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any scheme to open a hospital and medical college in Punjab on the lines of AIIMS;

(b) if so, the location of this hospital and by when it would be opened; and

(c) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI) : (a) There is no proposal to open a hospital and medical college in Punjab on the lines of AIIMS.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Common drug treated as narcotic drugs

1929. SHRI LEKHRAJ BACHANI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether some common drugs containing Diazepam, Lorezepam, Alprazolam etc, commonly prescribed by doctors are being now treated as narcotic drugs;

(b) whether it has created troubles for chemists, consumers and medical practitioners and associations for want of such drugs as no alternative drugs for such prohibited drugs are available; and

(c) whether for such drugs and other drugs Government are considering Adverse Drug Reaction (ADR) monitoring system?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) Drug formulations containing Diazepam, Lorezepam, Alprazolam etc. are considered as

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Psychotropic drugs. The control over these drugs is exercised under Drugs & Cosmetics Act, 1940 as well as under the Narcotics Drugs & Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act 1985.

(b) In view of the insistence of certain documentary requirements under the Narcotics Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Rules there was temporary dislocation in the supply of these drugs. However, Ministry of Finance has issued necessary amendment to NDPS Rules *vide* notification GSR 104 (E) dated 25.2.2005. There is no shortage of these drugs now.

(c) The National Pharmacovigilance Programme has been launched in November, 2004 to capture data on adverse drug reactions in the country. This programme is not limited to psychotropic drugs.

Action Plan on Price Control

†1930. SHRI BALAVANT *ALIAS* BAL APTE:
SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that prices of drugs are likely to increase due to new patent system;

(b) whether Government are contemplating to formulate any action plan to control the prices of drugs so that consumers are not effected adversely due to production patent system;

(c) whether Government have approached various drug companies in this regard;

(d) whether Government are contemplating to formulate independent price index regarding price assessment of patented drugs; and

(e) if so, by when and the full details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMDOSS): (a) to (e) Since product patent regime has come into effect from 1st January, 2005 it may be too early to know the effect of the same on prices. The National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) however, as not received any report of abnormal increase in the prices of drugs.

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